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**DECLARATION OF TAKAHITO YAMAMIYA**

1. I, Takahito Yamamiya, am an employee of Asahi Seiko Company, Ltd. and have assigned the rights to U.S. patent application 10/657,376 to my employer.

2. At the time the invention of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/657,376 was made, the claimed invention presently defined in the claims of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/647,707 were owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to Asahi Seiko Company, Ltd.

3. I am a co-inventor of the *Abe et al* (U.S. Patent No. 6,659,452), also assigned in the current records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Asahi Seiko Company, Ltd.

4. I hereby verify that I am the sole inventor of a translating unit which can be operatively connected to a transporting unit for non-rotationally displacing a pushing board to move an accepted banknote to a position within the banknote storing section and of a driving lever for operatively exerting a force on the pushing board of the translating unit through a parallel linkage assembly.

5. I can further attest that my contribution as a joint inventor of the subject matter set forth in the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 6,659,452 also included a translating unit for displacing pairs of storing rods that can fold a banknote for insertion into a storage position in a safe and then the storing rods would extend from an intermediate portion of the banknote to the respective ends of the banknote to straighten the banknote in the safe.

6. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: August 23, 2006

By: Takahito Yamamiya  
Signature

Printed Name: Takahito Yamamiya

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